

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2007-274-C - ORDER NO. 2007-872  
DECEMBER 13, 2007

IN RE: Complaint of Richard Ware Regarding Toll	)	ORDER REQUESTING
Charges Incurred when Dialing a Prefix from	)	PARTIES' RESPONSES
272 to 390	)	AND HOLDING MOTION
	)	TO DISMISS IN
	)	ABEYANCE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of certain matters relative to the complaint proceeding of Richard Ware. The matters under consideration consist of filings made by Richard Ware, including Mr. Ware's Motion to Deny Verizon South, Inc.'s ("Verizon") Motion to Dismiss and Mr. Ware's rebuttal correspondence, the responses from other parties of record to Mr. Ware's filings, and the Motion to Dismiss of Verizon.

We have reviewed the filings of Mr. Ware, as well as the responses from the other parties in the docket and Verizon's Motion to Dismiss. As reported by the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), it has not received any other inquiries or complaints for the service requested by Mr. Ware, and we note that there have been no intervenors in the docket expressing an interest similar to Mr. Ware's. Given that other customers could be financially impacted if the requested service is implemented, ORS recommends the Commission carefully balance the desires of Mr. Ware and the impact his request would have on other customers and the companies in the area. Horry Telephone Cooperative,

Inc. and HTC Communications, Inc. have reported that there are a variety of calling options available to customers in the area that can be tailored to individual calling needs. Both of those companies and the ORS report that they are aware of no evidence of a widespread desire for expanded calling in the area.

Subsequent to the filings of the other parties in the docket, Mr. Ware filed a letter on October 29 that raised specific issues that have not yet been addressed by the other parties. In his letter, Mr. Ware states that there is a general expectation that one would not have to incur toll charges to place calls within city limits, in this case, the city of North Myrtle Beach. He also proposes the possible alternative of taking the relevant section of North Myrtle Beach out of the Wampee exchange and placing it in the North Myrtle Beach exchange. We believe it would be helpful to the Commission for the other parties in the docket to address these specific issues raised by Mr. Ware.

Therefore, we request the parties to address Mr. Ware's most recent correspondence in writing no later than Thursday, December 20, 2007, and we hold Verizon's Motion to Dismiss in abeyance.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

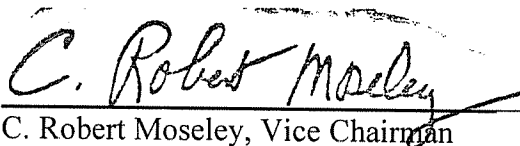
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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